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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KEVIN J. THORNE

Serial No.: 09/746,921

Filed: December 22, 2000

For: COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR

BONE GROWTH AND REPAIR

Group Art Unit: 1654

Examiner: Patricia A. Leith

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

1.	Submission	on required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
	a. Previo	ously submitted
	i. 🗌	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed
		on
		(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered).

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		ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously
		filed on
		iii. Other
	b. 🛚	Enclosed
		i. Amendment/Reply ii. Information Disclosure Statement
		iii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations iv. ☒ Other: Request for Extension of Time
2.	M	scellaneous
	a. 🗌	Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37
		C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall
		not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
	b	Other
3.	Fee	The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
	when t	the RCE is filed.
	a. 🔀	The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any
		overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0786 if check missing or insufficient.
		i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
		ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
		iii. Other
	b. 🛚	Check in the amount of \$1810.00 enclosed
	c. 🗌	Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)
		WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

Respectfully submitted,

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